

# INTERIOR TRAILS QUARTERLY

Dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of trails in interior Alaska

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## INTERIORWIDE

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### PROGRAM INCREASES LIMIT FOR MOTORIZED PROJECTS



The Alaska Trails Program announced recently that the limit for Recreational Trails Program motorized trail projects has been raised to \$100,000 from \$50,000.

Increasing the motorized trail project grant amount will help the program attain the required expenditure ratio of 30% motorized, 30% non-motorized and 40% diversified, and allow for more work to be done or trail equipment to be purchased for a motorized trail project. The limit for non-motorized and diversified trail projects will remain at \$50,000.

The new grant cycle started on August 15. Paperwork and instructions are available on the Trails Program web page <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm>. The grant application deadline is November 15. Posting public notice for your project should be done a minimum of 4 weeks before the deadline.

For more information please visit the State Trails Program website <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/aktrails/> or call Darcy Harris, the program manager (907/269-8699, [darcy.harris@alaska.gov](mailto:darcy.harris@alaska.gov)).

*(Photo of RTP-funded Glacier Lake Trail care of [Happy Trails, Inc.](#))*

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### INTERIORWIDE LINK

- After 25 years, outdoors editor Tim Mowry is packing up camp: <http://tinyurl.com/l8tq7rk>

## FAIRBANKS/ESTER

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### WORK NEAR EQUINOX TRAIL HIGHLIGHTED BY COOPERATION

A trail advocacy group, a state agency and a contractor are working together to make a portion of the Equinox Marathon Trail safer without disturbing the character of the single-track trail.

Recently, Stan Justice, president of the Interior Trails Preservation Coalition (ITPC), met with Justin Ireys of the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and contractor Karl Benson to discuss a project to fill three abandoned mining shafts near a recent reroute of the Equinox Trail between St. Patrick and Ester Dome roads. ITPC had asked that

the shafts be filled for the safety of trail users and their pets. DNR responded by requesting bids for proposals to fill the shafts. DNR made efforts to protect the trail by not allowing the contractor to cross the trail or restrict use of the trail during the work. ITPC was pleased with the response but also concerned that the wording of the proposal might create a wide, clear swath on either side of a portion of the trail, which is now a tight, windy singletrack used mainly by hikers, runners, and bikers.

Justice raised this concern with DNR. Ireys responded by meeting at the site with Justice and Benson, the contractor who won the bid proposal. The three men came up with a plan that should get the work done and protect the trail character. Benson will have gravel dropped beside St. Patrick Road and haul it in to the mine shafts with a rubber-tracked Bobcat. He will enter just north of the trail and go up around an existing but abandoned building then traverse over to the shafts. There will be one crossing of the trail. Benson will keep impact to a minimum and will berm his access point from St. Patrick Road.

ITPC also suggested that the work might be an opportunity to improve parking at the trailhead. People have occasionally been parking along St. Patrick Road to access the trail. While the work was not included in the bid proposal, Benson said he may be able to widen St. Patrick road a tad for parking.

The work should be done in the next two weeks and should be finished before the Equinox Marathon on Saturday, Sept. 20.

## **NEW ELDORADO CREEK TRAIL PULLOUT IN PLACE**



Users of the Eldorado Creek Trail now have a new place to park along Goldstream Road.

The state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) built a new gravel parking area across from Buck's Drive. The old parking area, a wide spot on the shoulder of the road, was removed during last fall's cleanup of the Goldstream Road Improvements Project.

Users of the popular winter trail, which connects trails along Old Murphy Dome Road to trails in the Goldstream Valley, often parked

their cars in the old pullout. When it was removed trail users still parked along the shoulder of Goldstream Ro, which was much more dangerous.

In January, trail users, including members of the Interior Trails Preservation Coalition, alerted the DOTPF about the loss. Agency personnel responded by planning and then building a new, improved parking area with room for about eight vehicles. The new parking area is separated from the road and has an entrance and exit.

## **FAIRBANKS MAYOR DECLINES TO STOP TRAIL BLOCKAGE**

Fairbanks Borough Mayor Luke Hopkins has declined to take strong action against a miner who has blocked an Ester-area trail.

Hopkins says his administration is working with the miner to reroute the trail, but meanwhile the existing trail remains blocked.

While this situation involves trails, the issue centers on public access to a public right-of-way, so it's about more than trails. Here's the background:

A couple of years ago a miner put a locked gate across the Ester Valley Trail, which at that point is more road than trail. The miner claims he closed the trail because he has had problems with vandalism and theft. Trail advocates say the trail is clearly protected under the RS2477 statute and by a prescriptive easement because of decades of use by the public.

Blocking the Ester Valley Trail affects more than the trail itself because the trail provides access to several other trails, including the Tri-Con Mine Road/Trail, the Ester West Ridge Trail, and the Willow Creek Trail.

When the trail was blocked, trail advocates asked the borough to intervene so that the public could continue using the trail. Borough employees did start talking to the miner, but discussions have focused on rerouting the trail and have not included a demand to unblock the trail.

Finally fed up with the borough's refusal to act decisively, trail advocates Geoffrey Orth and Sheryl Reily filed suit against the miner. They have asked for and received donations to help fund their court fight, but still they have spent thousands of dollars of their own money. They are not asking for personal access but for public access.

Recently, a number of people, including Fairbanks Cycling Club President Joel Buth, lobbied Mayor Hopkins to get involved more directly and forcefully. But Hopkins has declined.

In an email to Buth, Hopkins wrote:

*"Your questions regarding legal issues and positions that the borough should take involving the court complaint need to be reviewed with the following borough policy from the adopted FNSB Trail Plan that directs the Borough administration on public access for a trail that is **not** accepted in the FNSB comprehensive trail plan, as is the status of this trail."*

However, Orth and Reily argue that the fact that the lawsuit revolves around a trail is beside the point. They say the main issue here is the public's right of access to a public right-of-way (ROW).

In an email to trail advocate Douglas Yates, Hopkins elaborated further:

*The Borough has been involved in the on-going mediation for public access for this trail. As in other similar trail situations, I have this position after thoroughly been advised by my legal office.*

*I stated in the previous email, ROW access is given by the owners to all surrounding lands as required by the federal regulations covering this active mining claim.*

Orth, Reily, Buth, Yates and other trail advocates in the area (including this newsletter's editor) feel that Mayor Hopkins is shirking his duty to protect the rights of the

public. They believe that the mayor should demand that the existing right-of-way be unblocked until a new trail of equal quality is built and a right-of-way is secured for it.

To find out more on the situation, contact FCC President Joel Buth (455-6520; [pres@fairbankscycleclub.org](mailto:pres@fairbankscycleclub.org)) or Geoffrey Orth ([gcorth@straydogs.us](mailto:gcorth@straydogs.us)). To get the other side of the story (or to lobby for opening the trail) contact Mayor Hopkins (907/459-1300; [Mayor@co.fairbanks.ak.us](mailto:Mayor@co.fairbanks.ak.us)).

## FAIRBANKS TO HOST PARKS AND REC CONFERENCE

The annual Alaska Recreation and Parks Association conference will be held in Fairbanks from September 24 to 26. The Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks and Recreation Department will host the event. The educational session on Friday, Sept 26, will be trails-specific and will include Steve Taylor, project coordinator for the Fairbanks parks department, and Brooks Ludwig, superintendent of the Northern Area Office for the state Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. For more information on the conference see: <http://tinyurl.com/m74dr6r>

### FAIRBANKS AREA LINK

- More bear sightings reported in Goldstream, Goldhill areas: <http://tinyurl.com/op9anb4>

## CHENA HOT SPRINGS ROAD

### CREWS, VOLUNTEERS IMPROVE CHENA REC AREA TRAILS

Alaska State Parks crews and volunteers have been busy improving trails in the Chena River State Recreation Area. Below are some of the projects that have been happening:

- The Northern Area Trail Crew worked on Granite Tors Trail this past month clearing seven miles of trail corridor. They also repaired sections of boardwalk and rebuilt the Rock Creek bridge at mile 1.5 of the Granite Tors Trail. Seventeen Dynamic Adventures volunteers from the United Kingdom helped with the work. These ambitious workers from the United Kingdom carried in planking and supplies to rebuild the bridge.
- Maintenance workers Doug Avara and Marty Schatz started work on rerouting the Stiles Creek Extension Trail. The reroute will be constructed using today's best management practices and will eliminate a very dangerous and steep section of trail.
- Ranger Ian Thomas received the first ever Yamaha Trail Grant for Alaska. Thanks to his wordsmithing and tenacity, the Northern Area will receive \$10,000 to upgrade and repair ATV trails and two half-off vouchers to purchase Yamaha ATVs.

*(From Eagle Watch, the state parks newsletter. Photo: Trail crew workers harden Stiles Creek Trail.)*



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## PARKS HIGHWAY

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### COMMENTS SOUGHT ON PARKS HIGHWAY PROJECT

Public comment is being sought on proposed Mile 231 Parks Highway improvements that include trail connections. The deadline for submitting comments is September 30.

The project scope includes constructing a new pedestrian bridge across the Nenana River, trail connections, a rest area, and intersection improvements. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF), in cooperation with the Alaska Division of the Federal Highway Administration, is currently working on conceptual designs, preliminary engineering, and environmental studies.

The DOTPF also requests information and comments on resources in the study area that may be affected, including historic properties, archaeological sites, wetlands, and floodplains.

The agencies held an open house on the project on August 28.

Submit comments to: Lauren Little, P.E.; 2301 Peger Road; Fairbanks, AK 99709-5316 Telephone: (907) 451-5371; Fax (907) 451-5126 Text Telephone (TDD): (907) 451-2363 Email: [lauren.little@alaska.gov](mailto:lauren.little@alaska.gov)

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### PARKS HIGHWAY LINK

- Firefighters come to the rescue of Stampede Trail hikers: <http://tinyurl.com/q9yggws>

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## STATEWIDE

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### STATEWIDE TRAILS-RELATED NEWSLETTERS

- BLM *Frontiers* (Spring-Summer, 2014): <http://tinyurl.com/lzqll54>
  - Includes a story about the Tripod Flat Public Shelter Cabin along the Iditarod National Historic Trail

### STATEWIDE LINKS

- Right of way changes affect all Alaskans (including trail users), not just Railbelt: <http://tinyurl.com/k2upnx6>
- Competitor dies in grueling Alaska backcountry race: <http://tinyurl.com/oe6y3ga>
- Austrian completes rugged -- perhaps unprecedented -- overland journey from North Slope to Cook Inlet: <http://tinyurl.com/mruopax>
- *Outside Magazine's* 16 Greatest Places to Live in America (Anchorage rates #4 in part because of trails): <http://tinyurl.com/m9nvnhd>
- Events boom at Tsalteshi Trails in Soldotna: <http://tinyurl.com/mhjvhez>
- Dispatch from Alaska: Finding Fish with a Raft and UTV: <http://tinyurl.com/psz6s6r>
- Crevasse-Moraine trail clean-up day Sept. 27: <http://tinyurl.com/o74ejrb>
- Route of multiday tour of Kachemak Bay: <http://tinyurl.com/kz8ry9n>

- Girdwood bike park a blast for all skill levels: <http://tinyurl.com/lf38jjl>
- Tireless work puts Kincaid Park one-way bike trails on the map: <http://tinyurl.com/kbmr4mx>
- Gonzo for grayling along Eagle River trails: <http://tinyurl.com/klog7b7>
- Recent Outdoor Explorer radio shows:
  - Hiking the Chugach: <http://tinyurl.com/k68zebt>
  - Matanuska outdoor gems: <http://tinyurl.com/m3n7aqf>
- Come autumn, this trio of Southcentral trails is perfect for hikers: <http://tinyurl.com/lkc6zxt>
- First section of Raven Trail in Petersburg rebuilt: <http://tinyurl.com/mtz474m>
- Why the FAA is Paying for New Hiking Trails In Juneau: <http://tinyurl.com/kex7j3b>
- On the Trails: Hiking to Granite Basin: <http://tinyurl.com/l99jp22>
- Southeast Adventure: Observation Loop: <http://tinyurl.com/ost4xun>
- First downhill mountain bike trail planned in Juneau: <http://tinyurl.com/ll4ewwe>
- Peterson Lake Trail sees continued improvements: <http://tinyurl.com/n6f3qyw>
- On the Trails: Marmots, gentians: <http://tinyurl.com/ojtxokm>
- Summer hikes around Juneau: Part II: <http://tinyurl.com/oxm5l7r>

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## NATIONWIDE/WORLDWIDE

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### TRAILS AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE IN SEPTEMBER

American Trails is again collecting nominations for its National and International Trails Awards Program. Deadline for nominations is September 15.

The program recognizes contributions of volunteers, professionals, and other leaders who are working for the betterment of trails both nationally and internationally. Awards are given in up to 19 different categories.

Winners will be announced at the 22nd American Trails International Trails Symposium (ITS) Awards Banquet in Portland, Oregon on May 19, 2015. To learn more about the awards and symposium see: <http://tinyurl.com/lfraczx>

### TRAIL FUNDING SOURCE NEEDS CONSTANT ADVOCACY



It was fifty years ago today that the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) passed in the House of Representatives in a bipartisan manner on a voice vote.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a critical program for conserving public landscapes: sometimes through enabling the outright purchase of land and sometimes through easements that allow a trail corridor to be established on private land. The funds for LWCF do not come from taxpayer dollars, but from the revenues collected by the federal government from offshore oil and gas leases. The idea behind the program's creation was to use a portion of the income from the depletion of one public resource to conserve another public resource.



Even though “full funding” for LWCF was established by Congress to be \$900 million annually, that does not mean all the taxes collected from offshore energy development go to LWCF; last year the Department of the Interior collected approximately \$9 billion, or 10 times what would fully fund LWCF. Yet of the \$900 million authorized in 2013, just \$306 million was enacted by Congress. Additionally, that \$900 million was authorized in 1964. Had it kept pace with inflation it would now be approximately \$7 billion!

Read more: <http://tinyurl.com/jw92zqw>

(From American Hiking Society)

## **NATIONWIDE/WORLDWIDE LINKS**

### *MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING, ETC.*

- For a listing of upcoming trail workshops, conferences, and other meetings, see the American Trails calendar at: [www.americantrails.org/Calendar.html](http://www.americantrails.org/Calendar.html)

### *ADVOCACY*

- Help Fix the Forest Service Backlog of Trail Maintenance!: <http://tinyurl.com/pk827ok>

### *RECENT TRAILS E-NEWSLETTERS*

- Rails-To-Trails Conservancy (August): <http://tinyurl.com/kvll6f>

### *OTHER NATIONAL LINKS:*

- Inman (S.C.) to equip trails with pages from children's books: <http://tinyurl.com/jwtw6vl>
- Cyclists blaze trail for ecotourism in Florida: <http://tinyurl.com/mtx4fn>
- Lake Mead National Recreation Area Closes Trails Due To High Heat: <http://tinyurl.com/lannt7p>
- Mountain Biking Basics: Trail Etiquette: <http://tinyurl.com/ms7hc4g>
- Governor Announces New Wisconsin State Parks, Forests and Trails App: <http://tinyurl.com/o9lnmof>
- World's Most Beautiful Bike Trails: <http://tinyurl.com/qdmsocd>
- The trail less traveled: Building the Continental Divide Trail: <http://tinyurl.com/o3vlg83>
- 10 Trails Every Hiker Should Tackle: <http://tinyurl.com/men7qzs>
- Backcountry adventurers discover packrafting: <http://tinyurl.com/mkggha3z>
- Google's Street View adds Waikiki Beach, other Oahu parks and hiking trails: <http://tinyurl.com/mlvv4wt>
- Guard dogs continue to frighten hikers on Colorado high mountain trails: <http://tinyurl.com/mev85vr>
- Colorado OHV group perseveres, builds a safer water crossing for all user groups: <http://tinyurl.com/ly7quf6>
- A must-see video: “Trails Unlimited: Training The Next Generation”: <http://tinyurl.com/qfwr9dg>
- Small trailer tackles big trail-building jobs: <http://tinyurl.com/outf72v>

*INTERNATIONAL LINKS*

- 11 Top South Africa Bike Trails: <http://tinyurl.com/xf7scqo>
- Germany's 10 best hiking trails: <http://tinyurl.com/qbzckw>
- 5 of the world's most dangerous hiking trails: <http://tinyurl.com/l8l8eq8>
- Seven epic walking trails around the world: <http://tinyurl.com/mp8z49k>

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## REGULAR NOTICES

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**TRAIL EASEMENT MIGHT LOWER YOUR PROPERTY TAX**

If you've got a recreational trail running across your property that is open to the public, you may qualify for a reduced property tax.

State law requires that land subject to a public recreational use easement (which can include trails) must be assessed at its true value. This recognizes that such easements restrict what a landowner can do with the property subject to the easement. (See AS 29.45.062 and AS 34.17.100. Find Alaska Statutes at [www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/folio.asp](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/folio.asp).)

However, the land or trail in question must have a legal easement. Granting an easement to the state is free and fairly easily. Download the two-page "Public Recreation Easement" form under the "Land Forms" tab at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/forms/>. Granting the easement will also give the landowner tort and liability immunity (AS 34.17.055).

If you think you may qualify for a property tax reduction due to this law, contact your local government's Assessing Department.

**COMPREHENSIVE TRAIL PLAN HELPS PRESERVE TRAILS**

If you've got a trail you like and you're not sure if it's protected for future use by the public, check to see if it's included in the Fairbanks borough's Comprehensive Recreational Trail Plan. The plan was first adopted more than 20 years ago and trails are added to it regularly. If your favorite trail is not included in the plan then you should strongly consider getting it added. The plan is one of the best ways to protect a trail from being lost to development. To find out more about the plan and how to get a trail added contact Borough Trails Coordinator Tom Hancock (459-7401; [thancock@co.fairbanks.ak.us](mailto:thancock@co.fairbanks.ak.us)).

Another way to find out about the trails plan is to attend a borough Trails Advisory Commission meeting or contact one of the members (see info below).

**BORO TRAILS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY**

The Fairbanks borough's Trails Advisory Commission (TAC) meets the second Tuesday of each month at Pioneer Park, at 6 p.m. unless otherwise announced. For further information, contact the Parks and Recreation Dept. at 459-1070 or email [parks@co.fairbanks.ak.us](mailto:parks@co.fairbanks.ak.us).

The commission advises the borough government on matters relating to trails within the borough, especially relating to the Comprehensive Recreational Trail Plan. A list of TAC



members can be downloaded at <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/Boards/trailscomm-members.pdf>.

## RIVER FORECAST CENTER WEBSITE TRACKS WATER LEVELS



The National Weather Service's River Forecast Center has a website that tracks several things regarding rivers, including how breakup is going and what river conditions are like. See the website (<http://aprfc.arh.noaa.gov/>). For a brief overview of how the weather service's hydrologic program works in the state, see the web-guide slideshow (<http://aprfc.arh.noaa.gov/pubs/Presentations/boaterwebguide.pdf>).

## KEEP TRACK OF LAND USE PLANS FOR TRAILS IMPACT



The state Department of Natural Resources has several plans and studies underway across the state that affect how the state deals with its lands. Often this includes land and water trails. These plans and studies have opportunities for public comment.

Take a look at the planning web page for the Division of Land, Water, and Mining (<http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/>). If you see a plan or study that affects an area with trails important to you, please look into opportunities for public comment.

## FORAKER GROUP OFFERS CLASSES FOR NON-PROFITS



The Foraker Group, which is dedicated to strengthening Alaska's non-profits, offers classes about the proper workings of non-profit groups, which include many trail and trail user groups. If you are a member or employee of a non-profit group consider taking one of the classes, which are offered in several communities and statewide by teleconference. For more information visit the Foraker Group website ([www.forakergroup.org/](http://www.forakergroup.org/)) or call 907/743-1200 or (toll free) 877/834-5003.

## ALASKA TRAILS HAS INFORMATION ON STATEWIDE TRAILS

Alaska Trails has an online database of trail guides and other trail-related information found on the Internet. The information is broken down into folders based on regions including statewide, Southeast, Southcentral, and Interior. Clicking on a folder gives a user more folders from which to choose.

The online trail maps are extremely varied. Some are produced by government agencies, such as the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation or the National Park Service, while others are produced by private groups or individuals, such as TrailMapper, a statewide resource that allows users to add their own trails and descriptions.

People interested in exploring new trails to will find an abundance of resources at their fingertips. See the database at: <http://www.alaska-trails.org/cgi/otg/trailguide.cgi>

## LINKS TO INTERIOR TRAIL INFORMATION

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*(Note: For those who notice such things, Fairbanks Area Trail Conditions recently changed its cover photo. That's my wife and her bike on O'Connor Creek Trail during this year's Sluicebox 100. – Eric)*

- Fairbanks Area Trail Conditions (Facebook): [www.facebook.com/fairbankstrails](http://www.facebook.com/fairbankstrails)
- TrailMapper (local and statewide trails): [www.trailmapper.org](http://www.trailmapper.org)
- University of Alaska Fairbanks (trail maps, conditions) [www.uaf.edu/fs/northcampus/](http://www.uaf.edu/fs/northcampus/)
- Skijoring trails page: [www.alaskaskijoring.org/trails/](http://www.alaskaskijoring.org/trails/)
- Goldstream winter trails: [www.acsalaska.net/~bruce/cmc/trail\\_maps/mapsof.html](http://www.acsalaska.net/~bruce/cmc/trail_maps/mapsof.html)
- Fairbanks Cycle Club ride maps: [www.fairbankscycleclub.org/Rides/](http://www.fairbankscycleclub.org/Rides/)
- Ester Dome/Happy Valley Singletrack: [www.fairbankscycleclub.org/Rides/EDS.pdf](http://www.fairbankscycleclub.org/Rides/EDS.pdf)
- Alaska state park trails (includes Chena River SRA): [www.alaskastatetrails.org](http://www.alaskastatetrails.org)
- Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks trails page: [www.nscfairbanks.org/index.php/trails](http://www.nscfairbanks.org/index.php/trails)
- Jim Whisenant Trails at Birch Hill Recreation Area:  
[www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/ParksandRecreation/Facilities/BH/Default.htm](http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/ParksandRecreation/Facilities/BH/Default.htm)
- Equinox Marathon Trail: [www.equinoxmarathon.org](http://www.equinoxmarathon.org)
- UAF trails (maps, conditions, etc): [www.uaf.edu/fs/northcampus/](http://www.uaf.edu/fs/northcampus/)
- Creamer's Field: [www.creamersfield.org](http://www.creamersfield.org)
- Goldstream Sports classic ski trail: [goldstreamsports.com/new/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Ski-trail-sign-map-20122.pdf](http://goldstreamsports.com/new/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Ski-trail-sign-map-20122.pdf)
- Happy Trails, Inc. (video and pics of some local trails): [www.happytrailsak.com](http://www.happytrailsak.com)
- White Mountains National Rec Area (trail maps, conditions):  
[www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/nlcs/white\\_mtns.html](http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/nlcs/white_mtns.html)
- SnowTRAC trails (groomed for snowmachines; includes Yukon Quest, Chena River SRA, Denali Highway): <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/groompl.htm>
- Fairbanks Snow Travelers Trails database (requires account): [www.snowtravelers.org](http://www.snowtravelers.org)
- BLM Eastern Interior Office (Pinnell Trail, Fortymile River, Beaver and Birch creeks, etc): [www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/fo/fdo/eastern\\_interior\\_field.html](http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/fo/fdo/eastern_interior_field.html)
- Pinnel Mountain Trail guide: [www.bottomdollar.us/Pinnell%20home.html](http://www.bottomdollar.us/Pinnell%20home.html)
- BLM Glennallen office (trails off Denali, Richardson and Edgerton highways):  
[www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/fo/gdo/trails.html](http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/fo/gdo/trails.html)
- National Park Service units: [www.nps.gov/state/ak/index.htm?program=all](http://www.nps.gov/state/ak/index.htm?program=all)

*(If you know of more please send me an email: [fbxtrails@gmail.com](mailto:fbxtrails@gmail.com))*

## LINKS TO INTERIOR TRAIL USER GROUPS

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### Dog mushing groups

Alaska Dog Musers Association: [www.sleddog.org/](http://www.sleddog.org/)

Alaska Skijoring and Pulk Association: [www.alaskaskijoring.org/](http://www.alaskaskijoring.org/)

Two Rivers Dog Musers Association: [www.trdma.org/](http://www.trdma.org/)

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Misc.

Alaska Outdoor Council: [www.alaskaoutdoorcouncil.org/](http://www.alaskaoutdoorcouncil.org/)

Alaska Trappers Association: [www.alaskatrappers.org/](http://www.alaskatrappers.org/)

Arctic Audubon Society: [www.arcticaudubon.org/](http://www.arcticaudubon.org/)

Chena Flats Greenbelt Project: <http://interioraklandtrust.org/chena-flats-greenbelt-project/>

Delta Nordic/Ski Trail Club: <http://deltanordicskitrail.ning.com>

Ester Trails Committee: [www.estercommunity.org/committees/trails.html](http://www.estercommunity.org/committees/trails.html)

Fairbanks Cycle Club: [www.fairbankscycleclub.org/](http://www.fairbankscycleclub.org/)

Fairbanks Mountaineers: [www.meetup.com/FairbanksAreaMountaineers/](http://www.meetup.com/FairbanksAreaMountaineers/)

Friends of Creamers Field: [www.creamersfield.org/Welcome.html](http://www.creamersfield.org/Welcome.html)

Fairbanks Paddlers: [www.fairbankspaddlers.org/](http://www.fairbankspaddlers.org/)

Interior Alaska Trail Riders Association (for horseback riders):  
[www.ptialaska.net/~lnorth/](http://www.ptialaska.net/~lnorth/)

Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks: <http://www.nscfairbanks.org/>

Running Club North: [www.runningclubnorth.org/](http://www.runningclubnorth.org/)

Mountain climbing groups

Alaska Alpine Club: [www.alaska-alpine-club.com](http://www.alaska-alpine-club.com)

Alaskan Alpine Club: [www.alaskanalpineclub.org/](http://www.alaskanalpineclub.org/)

Off-road groups

Arctic Offroad: [www.arcticoffroad.com/](http://www.arcticoffroad.com/)

Fairbanks Offroad Lions Club: [www.fairbanksoffroadlions.com/](http://www.fairbanksoffroadlions.com/)

Snowmachine groups

The Fairbanks Snow Travelers: [www.snowtravelers.org/](http://www.snowtravelers.org/)

University of Alaska Fairbanks-related

UAF Trails Club: <https://sites.google.com/a/alaska.edu/trails/>

UAF Outdoor Adventures: [www.uaf.edu/outdoor/](http://www.uaf.edu/outdoor/)

UAF North Campus Recreation: <http://facilities.alaska.edu/uaf/ncampus/index.cfm>

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**DISCLAIMER:** Interior Trails Quarterly and ITQ Action Updates are not products of any organization. However, I am a board member of the Interior Trails Preservation Coalition, a member of several Interior trail user groups, and a member of Alaska Trails and editor of its newsletter.